

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Currently amended) A holding device for holding a solid in a tube,
2 comprising:
3 a filter having an elastically deformable part that is coupled to a disk such that the
4 deformable part is transverse to the disc and wherein the disc and the deformable part are a
5 single-piece; and
6 a spring pressing the elastically deformable part of said filter against the walls of
7 the tube.
- 1 2. (Previously presented) A holding device according to claim 1,
2 characterized in that the disc has transverse apertures.
- 1 3. (Previously presented) A holding device according to claim 1,
2 characterized in that the part is in the form of a tube with a slit over part of its length.
- 1 4. (Currently amended) A holding device according to claim 1,
2 characterized in that the part ~~comprises~~ includes two ~~tabs~~ slits.
- 1 5. (Previously presented) A test kit comprising:
2 a tube;
3 two holding devices according to claim 1; and
4 a reactant between the ends of the holding devices of claim 1.
- 1 6. (Previously presented) The test kit according to claim 5, characterized in
2 that the tube is made of glass.

1 7. (Previously presented) The test kit according to claim 5, characterized in
2 that the reactant is in the form of granules.

1 8. (Previously presented) The test kit according to claim 7, characterized in
2 that the discs have transverse apertures smaller than the size of the granules.

1 9. (Previously presented) The test kit according to claim 5, characterized in
2 that a cap closes off the tube at each of its ends.

1 10. (Previously presented) The test kit according to claim 5, characterized in
2 that the diameter of the ends is at most equal to the inside diameter of the tube.

1 11. (Previously presented) A method of assembling a test kit according to
2 claim 5, comprising the steps of:
3 introducing the holding device of claim 1 into a tube;
4 introducing a reactant into the tube; and
5 introducing a second holding device into the tube.

1 12. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 11, characterized in
2 that it furthermore includes the step of closing off the tube with a cap at each of its ends.

1 13. (Previously presented) A test kit comprising:
2 a tube;
3 two holding devices that each comprise a filter having an elastically deformable
4 part transverse to a disc, and a spring pressing the elastically deformable part against the walls of
5 the tube; and
6 a reactant between the ends of the holding devices

1 14. (Previously presented) A method of assembling a test kit, comprising the
2 steps of:
3 providing a first holding device comprising a filter having an elastically

- 4 deformable part transverse to a disc, and a spring pressing the elastically deformable part against
5 the walls of the tube;
- 6 introducing the first holding device into a tube;
- 7 introducing a reactant into the tube; and
- 8 introducing a second holding device into the tube.